

Comparing and Contrasting

Review: **Comparing** is identifying similarities. **Contrasting** is identifying differences. **Points of comparison** are categories or features common to two or more subjects.

A. First, **study** each chart. **Fill in** the characteristics under the middle two columns. In the right-hand column, **note** whether the two subjects are alike or different.

1.	Points of Comparison	Subject 1: Newspapers	Subject 2: Magazines	Alike/Different
	includes color photographs			
	printed on paper?			
	published daily?			

2.	Points of Comparison	Subject 1: Bicycle	Subject 2: Rollerblades	Alike/Different
	number of wheels			
	size			
	how it works			

B. First, **study** the chart below. Then, on the back of this sheet, **write** the first sentence or two of a short essay comparing and contrasting the subjects in the chart.

Points of Comparison	Subject 1: Reptile	Subject 2: Mammal	Alike/Different
blood	cold	warm	D
skin	scaly or slimy, cold to touch	furry, feathered, or hairy; warm to touch	D
where it lives	on land; requires sunshine for warmth	on land; everywhere except extreme hot, cold, or dry areas	A/D
lays eggs?	yes	yes	A